

Newsletter

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Welcome!

Last week we welcomed Kamil Ryszka into Mrs Barnes' class. We are sure Kamil will soon settle into our St Anne's routine and make lots of new friends.

Feast of St Peter and St Paul

Yesterday Fr Daly celebrated Mass in school for the children and parishioners.

Car Park

Sadly it was brought to my attention last week that three cars belonging to members of teaching staff were damaged in the car park and nobody notified us of these incidents. Would all users of the car park please take extra care when parking and ensure that children are supervised at all times, especially when opening doors.

It has also been brought to my attention that children are not staying on the pavement when entering and exiting school and are being allowed to cross, unsupervised, over to the central section of the car park and to the exit gates – this is not a play area. This is extremely dangerous as cars, taxis and school buses are regularly coming and going before and after school. Below is one of many emails I have received this term regarding child safety :

"Dear Mrs Cameron. I felt the need to contact you with regards to the situation at 3.15pm as I am honestly frightened to death of an accident happening – there have been so many near misses over the last few days. When the children are coming out of the school gate and spilling out onto the path and road by the gate, there are cars pulling up to park at the gate at the same time, to collect from nursery, etc. There have been so many close calls over the last couple of weeks with children and cars in a near head-on collision. Especially tonight (29th June) there were so many children – parents too – who were just walking along the road instead of the path, as the cars were coming out alongside them. Some even just stood in the middle of the road at the exit gate talking away to their friends while cars were waiting to leave the grounds."

Please ensure that the footpath/pavement area is used at all times.

End of Term

School closes for pupils on Friday 16th July. Yr 6 will be involved in a Bowling Party on Tuesday 13th July. Letters will be circulated this week. The Leavers Mass will take place at 9:30am on Friday 16th July. Please come along and celebrated our academic year and pray for the children leaving us and moving on to High School.

BBQ – Year 6

Following the Levers Mass on Friday 16th July, Year 6 children will be celebrating the end of term with a BBQ. If your child has a school lunch, please remember to deduct one day's lunch money from the usual amount. Mr Hanson has very kindly offered to prepare the BBQ for us and provide all the food. Thank you very much indeed.

Town Sports

Last Monday and Thursday children who had been selected from KS2 represented St Anne's at this year's Town Sports. The field events took place at the Cumberland Track in Crewe and the track events were held at Barony Park in Nantwich. We are delighted to announce that the St Anne's team came FIRST in their group! We brought home a shield for overall winner, and two trophies for coming first in the track events overall and first in the Year 4 track events. A big 'well done' and thank you to all the children who took part – we are all very proud of you! Thank you also to all the parents who came to support the children. Attached is a list of the all the results.

Year 5 Retreat Day

“At St Thomas More we had a fantastic time. We did singing, dancing, drama and art. We learnt about Jesus through a song called ‘Mighty To Save’ and we made our own actions to it. In dancing, we danced to ‘True Friend’ and worked together as friends. When we did drama, we re-enacted the Feeding of the 5000 and the Good Samaritan. In art we made a giant friend and steps to friendship. We drew around our own feet and wrote about friends. We also did letter boxes and we put bad letters into one box and good letters in the other. We also said prayers and met new friends from St Mary's and St Gabriel's.”

By Abbie and Victoria

Baking Day

Year 1 children are in for a treat this week! The children will be baking gingerbread men and icing buns on Thursday. A big thank you to Mr Chatwin and his team for organising this event for the children.

Knowsley Safari Park

On Wednesday 30th June Year 4 children visited Knowsley Safari Park as part of their 'Habitats' work in science. The children particularly enjoyed watching the sealions and elephants. It was lovely to see all the different animals looked after at the park.

Choir News

Choir children are in the final stages of rehearsal for their production of 'Bugsy Malone'. There will be two performances – the first on Friday 9th July and the second on Monday 12th July. Both performances will take place at 7.00pm in the school hall. Tickets are £2.00 for adults and £1.00 for children. Please ask Mrs Roberts or Mrs Barnes for an order form if you would like to see your school choir in action!

PSHE Art Day

On Thursday and Friday of this week, six KS2 children will be representing our school at a two day art workshop for all Nantwich schools. They will be working with local artist, Jane Dixon, and will create clay artwork to be displayed in our school. Thank you to them for representing St Anne's.

School Uniform

Please remember that uniform is now purchased directly from the supplier – Schoolwear For Less. There is a link on our school website and the process is self-explanatory. The supplier website is www.schoolwearforless.com

Parent and Pupil Questionnaires Summer 2010 – Results

Thank you for taking time to complete our annual questionnaires. Attached are the results relating to the academic year 2009-10.

Brereton Heath County Park

Yr 6 will be visiting Brereton Heath Country Park, between Holmes Chapel and Congleton, on Thursday 8th July.

Reaseheath College

Yr 2 will be visiting Reaseheath College on Monday 5th July.

Boreatton Park

Current Year 5 children will be taking part in our exciting annual residential at Boreatton Park in November 2010. Letters have already been distributed. If your child is current Year 5 and you have not sent in your deposit of £40.00 yet, could you please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

St Anne's Catholic Primary School Governing Body

For your information the members of St Anne's Governing Body are currently as follows :

Mr E G Smith – Chair of Governors

Mr S McGrath – Vice Chair of Governors

Leadership, Management & Curriculum Sub-Committee

Mr E G Smith

Mr S McGrath

Mrs C Cameron

Mr A Baxter

Dr J Dixon

Mr M Wilcock

Mr A Scholes

Mrs B King

Pastoral, Community & Environment Sub-Committee

Mr E G Smith

Mr S McGrath

Mrs C Cameron

Mrs P Lockett

Rev Fr J Daly

Mr A Pearson

Mrs L Tobin

Mrs J Barnes

After many years as Chair of our Governing Body, Mr Smith will step down at the end of this term and Mr McGrath will take his place. On behalf of all the pupils, staff and parents/carers of St Anne's we would like to thank Mr Smith for his invaluable assistance and support over the years.

St Anne's Book Day

St Anne's Book Day on Tuesday 29th June was a great success. Everyone made a fabulous effort with their costumes and enjoyed the hands-on experiences with the teachers. Each teacher focussed on a different country as follows :

Mrs Mosley – China; Miss McGonigle – Thailand; Mrs Barnes – Africa; Mrs Roberts – Nordic Myths; Miss Hughes – India; Miss Georgiou – Greek Myths; Mrs King – Performance Poetry Around The World

Thank you to everyone involved for making the day so successful.

School Holidays 2010-2011

The new holiday calendar for the next academic year has already been circulated on previous newsletters. However in compliance with the Government's decision, there will be an extra INSET day for the 2010-2011 academic year, taking the total from the usual five days to six days. As soon as we have made a decision as to when this INSET day will fall, we will let all parents/carers know.

Saturday 10th July

Nantwich Family Fun Day and Battle of the Bands will start at 10am at the Barony Playing Fields.

Spanish Theme Day

To celebrate the end of term our Spanish teacher has been busy organising a Spanish theme day for **Monday 12th July**. Among the various activities planned the children will be learning how to salsa and tango! We can't wait! Children can come to school in a Spanish costume or wearing colours from the Spanish flag – yellow and/or red.

Year 6 Transition / Moving On

July 14th is our Year 6 Feeder Day to St Thomas More. On this day all children transferring to St Thomas More in September 2010 are to make their way to and from St Thomas More independently. The day is directed and organised by St Thomas More staff.

Year 5 Transition

Parents / carers of children in our current Year 5 have now received letters regarding their choice of High School for 2011. Please ensure that your form is returned by the date specified to secure your child's place at his/her preferred school. This is a legal requirement and without the return of the form, the Council will allocate your child a space in any school.

Gymnastics Competition

Last week on Thursday, children from across the school competed in a gymnastics competition at Camm Street, Crewe. Each child performed an individual routine in front of a large audience. Although our teams were not "placed" on this occasion, we were several short of a full team and they each received a medal for taking part. Well done to all involved!

Sunflowers @ St Anne's Holiday Club

Sunflowers are now making arrangements for summer 2010. if you require place/s for the holiday club please contact Marianne or Fiona on 623333 for further details.

Reports

End of year reports will be sent to parents / carers on Friday 9th July. Please sign and return the acknowledgement slip together with yours and your child's comments on this year. These are retained and kept in their Record of Achievement. Many thanks in advance.

Amnesty!

As we approach the end of term, please scout around the house and return any school resources you may still have at home. We are still waiting for town sports t-shirts, football kit, etc, to be returned, as well as reading books and library books. Also if your child is in Reception and has gone home in any of our spare clothing, please return it to school as soon as possible.

Nestle Box Tops

This week we have received in school 8 lovely books from the Nestle Box Tops For Books offer. A big thank you to Mrs Marshall for organising this scheme for our school.

Year 5 Retro Day

On Tuesday 22nd June Year 5 children took part in a retro day linked to their History topic. All the children made a real effort with their costumes and they learned how to 'tie dye' 1960s style. They also researched other topics such as how houses have changed in 1948. All the children enjoyed the day and some tie dye t-shirts were even worn on Rainbow Day!

Found!

One black Nantwich Town FC black jacket – please contact the office if you have lost it.

FOSA

Mrs Peberdy would like to say a big 'thank you' to all the parents/carers and staff who made last Sunday's Summer Fayre such a great success. Mrs Peberdy would also like to thank the FOSA committee for working so hard. The total raised from the Fayre was £3000 which will go towards more playground improvements.

The next meeting will be held at the Leopard Pub in Nantwich on Wednesday 7th July at 8.00pm. The AGM will be held on Wednesday 1st September at 8.00pm also at the Leopard – everyone is welcome to come along.

Diary Dates

Thursday 1st July : Y6 Induction Day at St Joseph's College
Thursday 1st July : New Reception 2010 Visits
Friday 2nd July : New Reception 2010 Visits
Friday 2nd July : Let's Bike – Session 5
Thursday 8th July : St Anne's Day
Thursday 8th July : Full Governors Meeting at 4.30pm
Thursday 8th July : Habitat Studies at Brereton Heath Park – Year 6
Friday 9th July : Reports due to Parents
Friday 9th July : Choir Production of Buggy Malone – 7.00pm
Friday 9th July : Let's Bike – Session 6
Saturday 10th July : Nantwich Family Fun Day & Battle of the Bands – 10.00am
Monday 12th July : Spanish Theme Day in school (letter to follow)
Monday 12th July : Choir Production of Buggy Malone – 7.00pm
Tuesday 13th July : Y6 Bowling 5.30pm
Wednesday 14th July : St Thomas More Y6 Transition Day
Friday 16th July : Year 6 Leavers Mass & BBQ in school
Friday 16th July : SCHOOL CLOSES FOR SUMMER BREAK

And Finally!

I would like to let you know that I will be continuing as Acting Headteacher of St Anne's for the next academic year 2010-2011. Thank you for your support, cooperation, good humour and – aboveall – shared vision for all our children at St Anne's – Mrs Cameron